

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims, without prejudice.

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent applications and to add an Abstract of the Invention.

The attached paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same. No new matter has been added.

A suitable Inventors' Declaration is attached.

Return of a Notice of Recordation with regard to the attached Assignment is requested.

Return of an initialed copy of the attached PTO-1449 Form, pursuant to MPEP § 609, is requested.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

**NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
**B. J. Sadoff**

Reg. No. 36,663

**BJS:jsm**

1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor  
Arlington, VA 22201-4714  
Telephone: (703) 816-4000  
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100